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SUBJECT: BANK OF JAPAN DISCOUNT RATE CUT

1. BANK OF JAPAN ANNOUNCED LATE AFTERNOON
APRIL 18 LOCAL TIME CUT IN ITS DISCOUNT RATE BY 1 PERCENT,
TO 5 PERCENT, EFFECTIVE TUESDAY APRIL 19. FOLLOWING IS
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF BOJ POLICY BOARD PRESS RELEASE
AS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE: BEGIN TEXT THE BANK OF
JAPAN DECIDED TODAY (APRIL 18) TO REDUCE THE OFFICIAL
DISCOUNT RATE BY ONE PERCENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 19. THE
BANK OF JAPAN ALSO RECEIVED A PROPOSAL FROM THE FINANCE
MINISTER APRIL 18 REGARDING A CHANGE IN BANK SAVINGS
DEPOSIT RATES AND IMMEDIATELY REFERRED THE PROPOSAL
TO THE INTEREST RATE ADJUSTMENT COUNCIL FOR STUDY. THESE
MEASURES WERE ADOPTED BECAUSE, IN VIEW OF RECENT ECONOMIC
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CONDITIONS, IT WAS JUDGED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE A FURTHER DECLINE IN OVERALL INTEREST RATES AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE SOLID BUSINESS RECOVERY IN THE FUTURE. PRICE STABILITY REMAINS AS IMPORTANT A CONSIDERATION AS BEFORE, AND THE BANK OF JAPAN INTENDS TO PAY ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO FUTURE PRICE DEVELOPMENTS. END TEST

2. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS AFFECTING OTHER INTEREST RATES WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE. SHOESMITH

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